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LEGISLATOR STEVE STERN ATTENDS “LIGHT THE NIGHT” KICK-OFF

Events to Raise Funds for Leukemia-Lymphoma Research and Patient Support



Pictured L-R: Legislator Steve Stern, Sara Lipsky, Executive Director, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Howard Blechner, “Team Blechner,” Kathryn Hemphill, Campaign Specialist, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

HUNTINGTON, NY—Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington) 16th LD attended the kick-off for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society’s (LLS) “Light the Night” walks which fund lifesaving research and support for people battling blood cancers. The event was held at Ferrari/Maserati of Long Island. Legislator Stern joined with Team Blechner which is named for Sheila Blechner, a Dix Hills resident who was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma in 2010. Now in remission, Sheila and her husband Howard work tirelessly to raise awareness of and funding for blood cancer research.

Leukemia is the leading cause of cancer death in children and young adults under the age of 20. Leukemia and lymphomas, both Hodgkin's and Non-Hodgkin's, strike adults and children without warning and without regard to gender and ethnicity. LLS-Long Island Chapter walks raised more than \$750,000.00 last year and this year's goal is \$1,000,000. LLS funds support medical research, public education, financial aid for patients and the "First Connection" Program which provides newly diagnosed patients peer support from others battling blood cancers.

This year's walks will be held on Saturday, October 18 at Eisenhower Park and locally, on Saturday, October 25th at Bethpage Ducks Ballpark in Central Islip.

To join or to donate to "Team Blechner" visit <http://pages.lightthenight.org/li/citibank14/teamblechner>

To form your own team, visit <http://www.lightthenight.org/register>

To volunteer, go to <http://lls.org/#/waystohelp/volunteer>

"I am honored to join with LLS and "Team Blechner" to help "Light the Night," Legislator Stern said. "Unfortunately, we all know someone who has been impacted by cancer, and many by blood cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma. I encourage everyone to help in this fight, whether by making a donation, joining one of the walks, or simply sharing information about these events, so that we can all look forward to a world without blood cancers."

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